Homoeopathy is authorised to practice Homoeopathy. However, the rights of the practitioners registered in the respective State Registers at the time of commencement of the respective Acts, but who was not possessing a recognized medical qualification, are protected in the Act.

(b) and (c) Certain States have conferred the right to prescribed modern medicine on practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicines under Rule 2(ee) (iii) of the Rules framed under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, and such State Laws have been held valid by the Supreme Court of India.

Penalties for the practice of a system by a non-entitled person are enumerated in the relevant statute.

(d) and (e) No such incident has come to the notice of the Government.

(f) and (g) The Government has laid down the definition of classical and patent and proprietary Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani medicines under Sections 3 (a) and 3 (h)(i) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Freight corridor purpose vehicle

3778. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create railway freight corridor purpose vehicle (SPV);

(b) if so, what would be its structure;

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning;

(d) whether it would be under his Ministry or an independent organization;

(e) what would be the share of his Ministry in this new set up; and

(f) what would be the area of operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (f) It is proposed to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to plan, construct and maintain the Dedicated Freight Corridors on Eastern and Western Routes. The SPV will also be responsible for movement of trains within its jurisdiction. The proposed SPV will be a Company under the Companies Act, 1956 and will be under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railways. Ministry of Railways will hold majority share in the SPV which is proposed to start functioning in 2006-07.